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SUBJECT:COCOM LIST REVIEW -IL 1572 - RECORDERS

REF:ACOCOM DOC REV (74) 1572/1 THROUGH 6;
B. OECD PARIS 9902; C. DR. FINKLERS MEMO OF 6/4/75 AND:(D)
THAT OF 6/20/75; E. FINKLER-MOUNTAIN TELECON 6/24/75.

1. FYI ONLY - SUBSEQUENT TO TELECON REF E. DEPARTMENT LEARNED THAT NSA TAKES STRONG EXCEPTION TO ROUND II AGREEMENT TO 300 KHZ CUTOFF IN RE NOTE 2 (B) AND HAS NO RECORD OF HAVING AGREED TO THAT FIGURE. NSA DESIRES THAT 100KHZ BE THE LIMIT IN THAT NOTE AND DOES NOT CONCUR IN REPORTING NOTE PROPOSED ON PAGE 4 OF REF D. ADDITIONALLY, ANOTHER INTERESTED AGENCY HAS INDICATED THAT IT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WAS CONSULTED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE US POSITION AND FOR THE MOMENT TAKES VERY STRONG EXCEPTION TO ANY CHANGE IN THE PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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SENT EMBARGO STATUS UNDER ORDINARY AN WITH REPORTING REQUI-

REMENT. THEREFORE IT DOES NOT CONCUR IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED NEW NOTE FOR 1572 AS FAR AS ANALOG RECORDERS IS CONCERNED. THEREFORE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW ARE AN ATTEMPT TO GUIDE DEL AND FINKLER AROUND THE REST OF THE ITEM SUBJECT TO STRONG CONSTRAINT ON ANALOGS. IN EACH INSTANCE THEY SHOULD USE DISCRETION TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF AGAIN HAVING TO RENEGE ON SOMETHING TO WHICH US HAS GIVEN AGREEMENT. END

FYI ONLY)

2. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT 300 KHZ PER TRACK CUTOFF IN NOTE 2 (B)(I) WAS EVIDENTLY GIVEN IN ERROR. FIGURE SHOULD BE RETAINED AT 100 KHZ WITH REMAINDER OF PARAMETERS ACCEPTABLE AS ADOPTED. DEL MAY ENTER A CHANGED POSITION BY MEANS OF AD REF OR RESERVE AT HIS DISCRETION, HOWEVER US AUTHORITIES STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT ANALOG RECORDERS BEING PRODUCED WITHIN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ARE VERY POOR IN QUALITY AND RELIABILITY. THEY ARE BEING USED IN THE WEST FOR VERY SENSITIVE AND STRATEGIC USES WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO BE BEYOND COMMUNIST CAPABILITIES.

3. N.B. OTHER DELS MAY SUGGEST THAT STORIES APPEARING IN THE NY TIMES 6/23 AND 6/24 REPORTING NSA-CIA TESTIMONY BEFORE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION RE SOVIET MONITORING OF MICROWAVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FROM WASHINGTON SUGGESTS THAT SOVS HAVE STRONG RECORDER CAPABILITY. ANY ANSWER SHOULD BE OFF THE RECORD, BUT DEL MAY INDICATE THAT THOSE AGENCIES BELIEVE THAT SOVS HAVE NOT ATTAINED THE BREAKTHROUGHS NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVELY MAXIMIZE THE GATHERING AND ANALYSIS IN WHICH THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY IS CLANDESTINLY ENGAGED. FOREGOING BASED ON INFORMAL INQUIRY RATHER THAN CLEARED COMMENTARY.

4. DEL IS AUTHORIZED TO CONCUR IN (A) AS PRESENTED IN REF C EXCEPT WITH CAVEAT THAT ORDINARY PRESENT AN REPORTING IS DESIRED FOR (3) ANALOGUE RECORDERS. FYI- THIS POINT IS SUBJECT TO RECONSIDERATION, BUT WE CANNOT PREDICT THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE RE ANALOGUES. END FYI. ASSOCIATED NEW NOTE AS AMENDED BY 2 ABOVE MAY BE PROPOSED. HOWEVER, DEL SHOULD RESERVE OPINION (4) PULSE RECORDERS WHICH ARE NOT FAMILIAR TO US EXPERTS AND ASK QUESTIONS POSED IN COMMERCE
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MEMO OF 6/20/75 INCLUDING SIXTH QUESTION WHICH IS NOT CONTAINED IN TYPED TEXT AND WHICH READS: "DOES THE EQUIPMENT INCORPORATE ANY ELECTRONICS FOR DERANDOMIZING PULSES?" DEL MAY LIFT AD REF RE (A)(5) WITHIN THIS OVERALL CONTEXT.

5. SUBITEM (B) AGENCIES PREFER RETENTION WITHOUT CHANGE.

6. DEL MAY LIFT AD REF AS APPROPRIATE TO MODIFICATION OF

NOTE 1.

7. DEL MAY LIFT AD REF ON INTERIM FLOPPY DISC PROPOSAL.

8. TAPE RELATED PROPOSALS REMAIN UNDECIDED FOR ROUND IV,
BUT DEL MAY AT HSI DISCRETION TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE OF
EXPERTS TO INFORMALLY DISCUSS POSSIBLE APPROACHES SUCH
AS THE KIND PROVIDED BY NOTES IN 1510 OR 1564 WHERE MODELS
OR SPECIFIC CIRCUITS ARE EXAMINED BY COMMITTEE AND EXCLUDED
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